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Congo: Congolese military leaders appear increasingly attracted by the idea of obtaining Soviet military equipment to solve the Katanga problem.

An official in the Soviet Embassy at Leopoldville reportedly told General Mobutu's deputy on 27 November that if the Congo asked for assistance, within one week Moscow would provide enough aid to end Katanga's secession within two months.

The Congolese officer claims that young officers are receptive to this argument.

General Mobutu has told US officials he regrets that Adoula's government has not accepted Soviet military aid. He charged that the West and the UN had failed to provide enough help to regain control of Katanga.

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Algeria: The Ben Bella government is assuming a more balanced posture in foreign affairs.

25X1 [ ] Algerian officials have notably toned down their heretofore extravagant praise of Castro and Communist China. An Algerian official told the US chargé on 23 November that Ben Bella was "sore" at the Cubans, who he felt had misled the Algerians.

In a general review of foreign policy developments before the Algerian Assembly on 24 November, Foreign Minister Khemisti did not mention Communist China. In a short passage on Cuba, he did not refer to Castro or any other Cuban leader by name. Khemisti stated that the Algerians hoped to resume aid talks with the US.

This more moderate attitude may stem from a growing realization of the country's need for massive economic assistance. Khemisti is now in Paris for his first talks with the French.

The banning of the Algerian Communist Party on 28 November is a further indication that Ben Bella intends to tolerate no interference in carrying out his national program.

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South Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Nhu, President Diem's influential brother, continues to advocate broadening the offensive against the Communist threat

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Nhu argues that South Vietnam's fight against the Viet Cong is illogical unless Communist encroachment is resisted

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Guatemala: Carlos Manuel Pellecer, Guatemala's leading Communist activist, has publicly broken with Communism and has attacked Khrushchev, Mao and Castro. A specialist on labor affairs, he was an influential congressman during the Communist-dominated Arbenz regime. His defection may promote disagreements in other Latin American Communist parties.

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